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SUBJECT

Sino-Soviet Bloc Purchases of International List I Nickel

REQUESTING AGENCY AND DATE

MDAC on behalf of WG II Diversion Control Panel  
February 21, 1957

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF INFORMATION

April 15, 1957

PROPOSED USE

To evaluate the importance of International List I nickel to the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

REFERENCES

BACKGROUND

A significant increase in reported Sino-Soviet Bloc attempts to obtain International List I nickel, which is embargoed to the Bloc by COCOM/CHINCOM strategic trade controls, has been noted over the past year. It appears that the Bloc now assigns a high priority to the procurement of this metal. The DCP is interested in an intelligence study dealing with this trade to determine the extent of such procurement and its importance to the Bloc.

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that EDIC prepare:

1. An estimate of the extent and an analysis of the pattern of Sino-Soviet Bloc imports of International List I nickel in 1956 from:
  - a. COCOM countries
  - b. Other Free World countries
2. An estimate of the Sino-Soviet Bloc supply position in International List I nickel including:
  - a. Production and imports
  - b. Consumption and exports
  - c. Stocks
  - d. Substitutes
  - e. Wartime requirements

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